

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of producing a tampon capable of inhibiting the production of exoprotein from Gram positive bacteria located in and around the vagina, the method comprising:

5 treating a porous nonwoven sheet formed from hydrophobic polymer with a liquid vaginal cleansing composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and alkyl polyglycoside to produce cover sheet material with at least 5 add-on wt.% alkyl polyglycoside having the general formula



wherein Z is a saccharide residue having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, n is 4-6, and R is an alkyl group having 8 to 18 carbon atoms, and wherein the alkyl polyglycoside has a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of 10 to 15; and
15 forming said tampon so as to include absorbent material at least a portion of which is covered by the cover sheet material.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the alkyl polyglycoside has an alkyl group having from 8 to 14 carbon atoms.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the alkyl polyglycoside has an alkyl group having from 8 to 10 carbon atoms.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the alkyl polyglycoside has a hydrophilic/lipophilic balance of 12 to 14.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the composition additionally comprises an additive selected from the group

consisting of myreth-3-myristate, glycerol monolaurate, laureth-4, ascorbic acid, sodium bisulfite, and vitamin E.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the alkyl polyglycoside is selected from the group consisting of Glucopon 220, Glucopon 225, Glucopon 425, Glucopon 600, and Glucopon 625.